

**SUMMARY of the Decision of the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee
(the Committee)**
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**Dr. Daniel Aaron Margel (CPSO #88439)
(the Respondent)**

INTRODUCTION

The Complainant contacted the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (the College) to express concerns about the Respondent's care. The Respondent carried out several procedures on the Complainant following a finding of high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion (HSIL) on a pap test.

Subsequently, another physician informed the Complainant about a pathology report from 2022 that showed that the Complainant had stage 1A2 invasive squamous cell carcinoma (cancer). The Respondent missed this pathology report and did not inform the Complainant of her cancer diagnosis at that time.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION

The Committee considered this matter at its meeting of April 12, 2024. The Committee required the Respondent to appear before a Panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to the importance of managing test results and the implications on patient care.

COMMITTEE'S ANALYSIS

The Committee identified several deficiencies in the Respondent's practice and clinical decision-making. The Respondent had an inadequate system in place for tracking test results and communicating those results to patients. The shortcomings of the Respondent's organizational skills and management of test results coupled with his inattention to detail and failure to carefully review the Complainant's chart contributed to the missed cancer diagnosis.

When reviewing this matter, the Committee also reviewed the history of complaints made by other patients to the College about the Respondent's care. The Committee was concerned about both the volume and nature of complaints against the Respondent the College had received to date.

Considering the seriousness of the Committee's concerns in this case and the history of complaints made against the Respondent, the Committee found it appropriate to require the Respondent to appear before the Committee to be cautioned as set out above.

This is a summary of the Committee's decision as it relates to the Caution disposition.